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Assistant Director for Operations 6 January 1956

Chief, FBID

Progress Report for December 1955

OPERATIONS

1. The principal Radio Propaganda Reports issued during the month defined the current status of the Geneva Spirit in Communist propaganda, examined the conflict among Chinese Communist leaders over the socialization of agriculture, and reported world reaction to the Soviet H-bomb tests and the Bulganin-Khrushchev South Asian tour. FBIS Radio Propaganda Reports are now being included in the listing of intelligence issuances appearing in the OCI Current Intelligence Weekly Summary.

2. Instructions were transmitted to the Austrian Bureau for the procurement and analytic scrutiny of Soviet and Satellite party publications as the Bureau's seven new foreign national translator positions are filled.

3. In order to supply users of FBIS material with a general reference index of statements made by Bulganin and Khrushchev in their tour through South Asia, a bibliography of such statements and speeches was issued as a supplement to the USSR Daily Report.

4. Operations Coordinating Board was supplied by wire with all monitored radio reaction to the Pope's Christmas day speech.

5. The weekly FBIS publication "Political Abstracts" was discontinued, with Soviet Staff, OCI concurrence and DD/I approval. Marginal demand for this publication, as revealed in the recent FBID survey of consumer offices, did not warrant its continuation under existing personnel ceiling restrictions.

6. Mediterranean Bureau reported interruptions in local wire communications with Cable and Wireless, Nicosia, which occurred in November and were apparently due to sabotage of the Cable and Wireless

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lines. Although emergency communication directly with Cable and Wireless was ineffective, successful indirect communication by radioteletype through the State Department radio station in Nicosia was maintained during a 19-hour outage. Mediterranean Bureau also is linked with a radiotelephone net controlled by the British Army, which provides additional emergency capacity.

7. West Coast Bureau operation was curtailed by the severe floods in Northern California when access to the station was cut off on December 19-20 and 22-24. Bureau staff remained on duty continuously for extended periods, and one relief of personnel was accomplished by amphibious Army vehicle. Most top priority coverage was maintained during the emergency, although some Peking and Latin American commitments were temporarily transferred to Okinawa and East Coast Bureaus at the expense of other coverage. All West Coast Bureau personnel who performed extended emergency duty were commended by message from the Acting Director.

8. The EEC-Mediterranean Bureau Coverage Coordination Committee held its semi-annual meeting at Kyrenia with [redacted] Head Reception Unit, EEC FS, representing the EEC. No major coverage reallocations were made. 50X1

9. Information was received from FI, in response to the FBID request to investigate in Paris the French intentions for their Saigon monitoring, that continuation of this service is assured for the next three months with full expectation of continuance thereafter, either from Saigon or an outside base. Advice of any new plans was also assured.

10. Formal request was received from FE Division for wire-filing of Okinawa Bureau coverage of Peking to [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] Office of Communications is attempting to work out communication arrangements in the face of several obstacles, and service has not commenced. 50X1

11. The Director of Naval Communications approved the temporary duty of an FBIS cruising monitor at the Naval Radio Receiving Station, Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico to conduct Latin American cruising. All required support, with minor exceptions, will be furnished by the Navy on a continuing basis if the operation is made permanent by mutual agreement after six months trial.

12. FBID transcripts of broadcasts of Radio Dorsa, Tetuan, are being furnished OCI from recordings made by the 17th Air Force in

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French Morocco. The proposal to detail a monitor from Cyprus to Tangier has been abandoned because OCI considers the Tetuan material not worth the expense and loss of other Arabic coverage. The coverage furnished by the Air Force is still wanted by OCI however.

13. Hlattschreiber equipment was placed in operation at Okinawa Bureau to cover HCEA numeral code from Peking, with good results. HCEA abruptly discontinued Morse transmission of this service in favor of hellschreiber on 31 December and it is therefore fortunate that the equipment was in service in time to anticipate this development.

14. Public sale of the FBIS publication "Broadcasting Stations of the World" by Government Printing Office is exceeding expectations. Approximately 1,200 copies of each volume have been sold so far.

FACILITIES

15. Operation of the new automatic morse code - teletype converters at East Coast Bureau is meeting expectations, in that signals must be unaffected by interference or fading and be reasonably stronger than background noise for satisfactory copying. Many schedules are now being adequately covered by the converters.

16. To avert loss of Hokkaido Bureau housing at Camp Crawford to the Air Force on 1 April, 1956, the Chief, Hokkaido Bureau, proposed with local Air Force concurrence that FBIS construct housing at Chitose AF Base for Air Force occupancy in return for continued FBIS occupancy of housing at Camp Crawford until abandonment of that post. When Camp Crawford is deactivated approximately a year from now, FBIS would occupy its own or equivalent housing at Chitose. Real Estate and Construction Division, after receiving a favorable reaction from the Executive, A C of S, Installations USAF in the Pentagon, drafted a memorandum of understanding which was forwarded to the Hokkaido Bureau. If acceptable to both parties in Hokkaido, it will be forwarded through FEAF to USAF Washington for confirmation. In the meantime, preliminary work on a project for the PEC is under way.

17. The six duplex and two BOQ structures under construction in Okinawa under project DO/I - 172 - 55 are 70% complete. Okinawa Engineer District estimates for the final phase of Okinawa housing construction,

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to provide seven 3-bedroom single-family houses with FY 1956 funds, were received. Housing now under construction must be occupied before the next project can commence.

ADMINISTRATION

18. The American Consul in Cyprus declared a phase-one emergency effective 24 December, which permits voluntary evacuation from Cyprus of dependents of classified and foreign national employees. As of 30 December no FBIS employees in either category had chosen to avail themselves of this privilege.

19. Mr. Paul Eckel of the Inspector General's staff inspected FBID headquarters elements during December.

20. Payment of 10 per cent night differential to foreign national and native personnel of the Mediterranean Bureau was authorized in accordance with prevailing practices in all other FBIS field bureaus.

21. Personnel:

A. Forty-five employees of FBIS received notification of membership in the Career Staff during the month.

B. Authorized T/O changes included:

(1) transfer of one propaganda analyst position, GS-14 from FDD to EPE;

(2) transfer of the Technical Information Unit from the Liaison and Reference Staff to Editorial Branch;

(3) reclassification of one GS-7 and two GS-5 positions to GS-9 and GS-7 respectively in the Technical Information Unit;

(4) addition of one native translator to the Saigon Bureau T/O;

(5) establishment of a Deputy Operations Officer, GS-13 Position on the Operations Staff, FBID headquarters;

C. During the month one employee entered on duty and three were transferred or separated from FBID. On duty strength as of 30 December was [redacted] ll under current ceiling which was increased

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by the transfer of a position from FBD.

22. [redacted] Administrative Officer, FBID, visited the Hokkaido, Okinawa, Saigon, Mediterranean, and Austrian Bureaus during December, in the course of a field inspection trip to all overseas Bureaus. 50X1

ALAN M. WARFIELD

Enclosures:
I Daily Averages of Field Bureau Production
II Special Requirements Control
III Personnel Supplement

Distribution:
Orig & 2 -Add.
1 -RGS
1 -AMW
1 -Exec. File

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1. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, December 1955. Average computed on basis of 5-day week.

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	ITEMS FILED	ITEMS PUBLISHED
Austria	4	2,600*	14*	7*
East Coast	101	29,400	130	65
German	23½	18,000*	74*	50*
Hokkaido	14½	7,880	71	60
London	231	64,000	140	103
Mediterranean	74	39,500	282	164
Okinawa	105	22,400	82	72
Saigon	23	6,220*	23*	17*
Tokyo	24½	9,500*	29*	15*
West Coast	91	31,000	153	110
Total	691½	230,500	998	663

*Includes Press Scrutiny

NOTE: A daily average of 72,250 words were filed to BBC.

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PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

December 1955

1. Summary

Number of Personnel	American T/O	Ceiling	On Duty	In Process	Entered On Duty	Promotions	Transferred	Separated	Native T/O	On Duty
Departmental										
U.S. Field										
Foreign Field										
Departmental & Field (Total)										

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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

Name, Title, Grade	Assignment		Date
[redacted] Propaganda Anal Off, GS-14	Radio Propaganda Branch	Transferred from FDD	18 December 1955 50X1

3. Promotions

Name	Old Title, Grade Assignment	New Title, Grade Assignment	Date
[redacted]	Cruising Monitor, GS-7 East Coast Bureau	Cruising Monitor, GS-9 East Coast Bureau	4 December 1955 50X1
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-5 Field Operations Staff	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-7 Field Operations Staff	4 December 1955
	Supply Assistant, GS-5 Administrative Staff	Supply Assistant, GS-6 Administrative Staff	4 December 1955
	Cruising Monitor, GS-7 East Coast Bureau	Cruising Monitor, GS-9 East Coast Bureau	4 December 1955
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 East Coast Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 East Coast Bureau	18 December 1955
	Propaganda Anal Off, GS-9 Radio Propaganda Branch	Propaganda Anal Off, GS-11 Radio Propaganda Branch	18 December 1955
	Electronic Mech, GS-8 East Coast Bureau	Electronic Tech, GS-9 East Coast Bureau	18 December 1955

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4. Reassignments

Name	Old Title, Grade Assignment	New Title, Grade Assignment	Date	
	Admin Assistant, GS-9 East Coast Bureau	Personnel Asst, GS-9 Administrative Staff	4 December 1955	50X1
	Electron Eng(Rad), GS-12 Engineering Staff	Electron Eng(Rad), GS-12 East Coast Bureau	4 December 1955	
	Electron Eng(Rad), GS-12 East Coast Bureau	Electron Eng(Rad), GS-12 Engineering Staff	4 December 1955	
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Mediterranean Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Editorial Branch	18 December 1955	

5. Transfers

Name	Title, Grade, Assignment	Recipient Office	Date	
	Brdcst Monitor(Multi), GS-9 East Coast Bureau	WH Division	18 December 1955	50X1

6. Separations

Name	Title, Grade, Assignment	Date	
	Intel Assistant, GS-5 Liaison & Reference Staff	2 December 1955	50X1
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 London Bureau	2 December 1955	

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7. OO Career Service Program

a. [redacted] employees have been accepted for Career Staff membership. 50X1

b. Training Activities

[redacted]

Basic Orientation Course 28 November - 16 December 1955	Internal	50X1
Basic Orientation Course 28 November - 16 December 1955	Internal	
Shorthand 21 November - 16 December 1955	Internal	
Elementary Spoken Spanish 3 October - 2 December 1955	Internal	
Clandestine Services Course 21 November - 9 December 1955	Internal	

8. Foreign Travel

Name of Traveler	Destination	Date of Departure and Return	
[redacted]	All FBIS Bureaus	19 November 1955 - 17 January 1956	50X1

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PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

January 1956

1. Summary

Number of Personnel	American T/O	Ceiling	On Duty	In Process	Entered On Duty	Promotions	Transferred	Separated	Native T/O	On Duty
Departmental										
U.S. Field										
Foreign Field										
Departmental & Field (Total)										

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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

Name, Title, Grade	Assignment	Date	
	Editorial Branch	16 January 1956	50X1
	Editorial Branch	23 January 1956	
	East Coast Bureau	23 January 1956	
	Editorial Branch	30 January 1956	

3. Promotions

Name	Old Title, Grade Assignment	New Title, Grade Assignment	Date	
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 London Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 London Bureau	1 January 1956	50X1
	Brdcst Mon (Multi), GS-7 West Coast Bureau	Brdcst Mon (Multi), GS-8 West Coast Bureau	15 January 1956	
	Brdcst Mon (Multi), GS-9 West Coast Bureau	Brdcst Mon (Multi), GS-10 West Coast Bureau	15 January 1956	
	Brdcst Mon (Multi), GS-9 West Coast Bureau	Brdcst Mon (Multi), GS-10 West Coast Bureau	15 January 1956	
	Brdcst Mon (Multi), GS-7 West Coast Bureau	Brdcst Mon (Multi), GS-8 West Coast Bureau	15 January 1956	
	Librarian, GS-7 Editorial Branch	Librarian, GS-9 Editorial Branch	15 January 1956	

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4. Reassignments

Name	Old Title, Grade Assignment	New Title, Grade Assignment	Date	
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 West Coast Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 Mediterranean Bureau	1 January 1956	50X1
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Saigon Bureau	15 January 1956	
	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-12 German Bureau	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-12 Radio Propaganda Branch	29 January 1956	
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Mediterranean Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Editorial Branch	29 January 1956	

5. Transfers

Name	Title, Grade, Assignment	Recipient Office	Date	
	Brdcst Mon (Multi), GS-10 West Coast Bureau	OO/FDD	29 January 1956	50X1

6. Separations

Name	Title, Grade, Assignment	Date	
	Clerk Typist, GS-4 West Coast Bureau	13 January 1956	50X1
	Cruising Monitor, GS-9 East Coast Bureau	30 January 1956	

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS CONTROL

CONTROL NO.	REQUESTING OFFICE CONTROL NO.	REQUESTING OFFICE	DATE RECEIVED	ACTION DESK	DESCRIPTION	DATE DESIRED	DATE COMPLETED	REMARKS
R-61-55		ONI	8 Apr.	Opr.O.	Aircraft indicator signals on Soviet broadcast transmissions	RAP	25 Jan.	Referred to Media
CR-69-54	RE	SR	24 Sept	Opr.O.	Metabolt recordings Moscow Home Service by fast pouch	Cont.	24 Jan	Provided by SRC; forwarded by London.
CR-71-55		OCD	14 Jan	Opr.O. Rd.Br.	Coverage of Damascus to French North African	Cont.	24 Jan	
R-94-55		State	29 July	& INFD London	Peking & Moscow comment on US-ChiCom meeting	RAP		Daily file to Amb. Johnson, Geneva
R-113-55		Sqn/OIS	14 Nov	Opr.O.	Soviet radio propaganda to occupied Austria, 1944-54	1 Feb.		Part of Agency project
R-120-55		Sqn/OIS	15 Dec	INFD Opr.O.	Study of propaganda from NEW, Moscow, and Peking on Indochina	3 Feb.		Request of [redacted] 50X1
R-123-55		OCI	22 Nov	& Lng; Rd.Br.	Coverage of Radio Totuan for limited time	RAP		To 17th Air Force for action
R-124-55		O/CI	30 Dec	Media	Text of 8-hour broadcast from Radio Totuan	RAP	9 Jan.	
R-125-56		O/ER	16 Jan	INFD Rd.Br.	Three 15-minute Soviet broadcasts in English	RAP	23 Jan.	
R-126-56		OCI	16 Jan.	& L.O:	Unpublished material from Cairo & Tel Aviv broadcasts	17 Feb		Sent daily to [redacted] 50X1
R-127-56		Sqn/OIS	20 Jan	INFD	One 2-minute Amnh language recording	RAP	24 Jan.	To test language proficiency
CR-128-56		Air Force	23 Jan	Rd.Br.	Unpublished Soviet and ChiCom material	Cont.	--	Sent daily to Air Research Div., Library of Congress
CR-129-56		FBD	3 Jan	Rd.Br.	Records of German press items	Cont.	--	Sent daily to [redacted] 50X1
CR-130-56		USIA	3 Jan	Rd.Br.	Records of European press reviews	Cont.	--	Sent daily to [redacted]
CR-131-56		USN	5 Jan	Rd.Br.	Broadcast mention of foreign activity in Antarctic	Cont.	--	
CR-132-56		Navy	11 Jan	Rd.Br.	Broadcast mention of foreign activity in Antarctic	Cont.	--	
R-133-56		RB/I	14 Jan	INFD	Typescript report: Soviet statements on launching of the earth satellite	16 Jan	16 Jan	Request of Mr. Amory
R-134-56		RB/I	14 Jan	INFD	Typescript report: Soviet statements on long range missiles	16 Jan	16 Jan	Request of Mr. Amory
R-135-56		RB/I	13 Jan	INFD	Typescript report: Internal Communist reaction to Life article on Dulles	16 Jan	16 Jan	Request of Mr. Amory 50X1
					[redacted]			50X1
R-137-56	IB-2122	OCI	31 Jan	INFD	Comparison study of 1952 & 1955-56 All-Union Party Congress & preliminary Party Conferences	RAP		Coordinating officer [redacted]

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